IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

TUESDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER 2007 / 13TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 35799 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

N.PRADEEP KUMAR,
SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY,
CHOKKAD GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
P.O.CHOKKAD, (VIA) KALIKAVU,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.M.V.BOSE
SRI.VINOD MADHAVAN
SMT.NISHA BOSE

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF PANCHAYAHTS,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI.BEJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 04/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J.

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W.P.(C)NO.35799 OF 2007

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Dated this the 4th day of December 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is a native of Kannur District and he is presently working as a Special Grade Secretary in Chokkad Grama Panchayath in Malappuram District. Petitioner refers to Ext.P1 government order, governing transfer and posting of Panchayat employees. Petitioner also refers to Ext.P2 queue list wherein he is included as No.1 in the category of Junior Superintendent, in Kannur District. According to the petitioner, he therefore has a first preference for posting in Kannur District. Reference is made to the fact that notwithstanding his placement in the list, two of his juniors have been posted in the Kannur District overlooking his claim. Petitioner has raised his grievance before the Panchayat Director under Ext.P9. Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr.Bose refers to Ext.P8 to submit that there is a vacancy in the post of Special Grade Panchayat Secretary due to arise in Ulikkal on 31.12.2007 where the incumbent is due to retire on 31.12.2007. He is already on leave preparatory to retirement.

2.After having heard the learned Government Pleader also, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to look into Ext.P9 and take a decision thereon, at the earliest, taking note of the petitioner's claim, at any rate, before filling up the vacancy which is due to arise in Ulikkal Panchayat.

Petitioner shall produce a copy of the writ petition and a copy of this judgment before the second respondent for compliance.

V.GIRI, JUDGE

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